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FOR USDEL TO HRC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNHRC, SHUM, NI, UG

SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - UGANDA RESOLUTION

REFS: A) GENEVA 2544; B) GENEVA 1990; C) LAGOS 1941

1. AFTER ASSESSING CREDENTIALS OF JUSTICE UDO UDOMA AS POSSIBLE HRC EMISSARY TO UGANDA, DEPARTMENT IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT HE MAY NOT BE THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB. PRIMARY CONSIDERATION IS THAT UDOMA WILL PRESUMABLY BE UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE MISSION TO UGANDA UNTIL HE COMPLETES WORK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN NIGERIA, PERHAPS AS LATE AS OCTOBER. WE HAVE ALSO
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RECEIVED NEGATIVE RESPONSE ON UDOMA FROM A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WHO SERVED IN UGANDA DURING UDOMA'S TENURE AS CHIEF JUSTICE. FSO AGREES WITH GENERAL TONE OF CRITICISM OF UDOMA CONTAINED IN PARA 8 REF C AND BELIEVES WE SHOULD FIND ANOTHER CANDIDATE.

2. WE WOULD MUCH PREFER RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICE ELIAS, IF

HE CAN BE FREED FROM HIS RESPONSIBILITIES ON ICJ. IN
CONTRAST TO GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF UDOMA AS POMPOUS,
HAUGHTY MAN, ELIAS IS WELL REGARDED BY THOSE IN DEPARTMENT
WHO KNOW OF HIM.

3. UNLESS EMBASSY LAGOS OBJECTS, WE BELIEVE YOU CAN
PROVIDE SWEDES WITH BIO INFORMATION CONTAINED REF C WITH
EXCEPTION OF PRIVATE COMMENTS IN PARAS 2, 5 AND 8. YOU
SHOULD TELL SWEDES THAT WE WOULD PREFER ELIAS TO UDOMA,
CITING FACT OF UDOMA'S RESPONSIBILITIES ON CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY AS PRIMARY DISQUALIFYING FACTOR.

4. WE WILL ADVISE IF WE HAVE ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS TO
SUGGEST AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES. VANCE

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